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SUBJECT: ROC APPROACH ON POSSIBLE GOP-PRC RELATIONS

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1. ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
INGERSOLL MAY 22 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM US OF RAMOS
VISIT TO TAIPEI AND TO SEEK OUR ASSISTANCE IN DETERRING
PHILIPPINES FROM OPENING RELATIONS WITH PRC.

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2. SHEN REPORTED THAT RAMOS ARRIVED IN TAIPEI MAY 16

AS HEAD OF A GOODWILL MISSION. WHILE THERE, HE INFORMED GROC THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING RECOGNIZING PRC AND ASKED FOR GROC UNDERSTANDING. RAMOS REPORTEDLY GAVE NO INDICATION OF TIMING. ACCORDING TO SHEN, GOP REASONS THAT SINCE THE US IS PULLING OUT OF ASIA AND WILL ITSELF RECOGNIZE THE PRC IN DUE COURSE, THE PHILIPPINES HAS TO FEND FOR ITSELF. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, SHEN APPEALED TO US TO "SET THE FILIPINOS STRAIGHT."

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL NOTED THAT WHILE WE INFORM OTHER COUNTRIES OF OUR OWN POSITION ON RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO TRY TO INFLUENCE GOP OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT ON THE POSITION THEY ADOPT. HE ADDED THAT THE GOP ALREADY KNOWS

OUR POSITION. THEY ALSO KNOW WE ARE NOT PULLING OUT OF ASIA. WE CAN REPEAT OUR POSITION TO THEM BUT WE CANNOT TELL THEM WHAT TO DO. INGERSOLL SUGGESTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE TIES INVESTMENT AND TRADE BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE PHILIPPINES, THE ROC PROBABLY HAS MORE INFLUENCE THAN WE.

4. WHEN SHEN ASKED IF ANY OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT HAVE INFLUENCE IN MANILA, INGERSOLL SUGGESTED THE ROC MIGHT TALK TO INDONESIA, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA. THE GOP IS LOOKING AROUND AT WHAT OTHERS IN THE AREA ARE DOING.

5. SHEN ASKED AGAIN IF WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO TALK TO THE GOP. INGERSOLL ASSURED HIM WE WOULD DO SO BUT EMPHASIZED THAT WE COULD NOT GO BEYOND RESTATING OUR POSITION.

6. FOR MANILA: REQUEST YOU REITERATE TO GOP AT NEXT APPROPRIATE OCCASION THAT WHILE WE SEEK IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH PRC WE ARE DOING SO WITHOUT SACRIFICING RELATIONS WITH ROC. WE REALIZE THAT GOP RELATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS IS QUESTION FOR GOP TO DECIDE. KNOWING MUTUAL BENEFIT AND RESPECT WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED GOP-ROC TIES, HOWEVER, WE HOPE THAT IMPROVEMENT IN GOP-PRC RELATIONS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH MINIMUM DIS-

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RUPTION OF PRACTICAL TIES BETWEEN TAIWAN AND PHILIPPINES.
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